Net availability of edible oils from domestic sources during the year 2000-2001 has been 55.04 lakhs MT.

Storage in open godowns

†2672. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Food Corporation of India has stored wheat, rice and paddy in open godowns;

(b) if so, the storage capacity of open godowns from April, 1999 to March, 2002; and

(c) the average quantity of foodgrains stored therein

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Food Corporation of India stores only Wheat and Paddy in Cover and Plinth (CAP) open storage godowns in unavoidable circumstances.

(b) The Cover and Plinth (CAP) storage capacity available with Food Corporation of India from April, 1999 to March, 2002 is as under:—

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

As on	CAP (OPEN) Storage Capacity (Owned & Hired)
01.04.1999	41.85
01.04.2000	45.54
01.04.2001	67.54
01.03.2002	82.96

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(c) The average quantity of foodgrains stored in CAP (open) are as under:—

(Fig. in Lakh Tonnes)

Year	Average Qty. of Foodgrains Stored
1999-2000	31.94
2000-2001	51.00
2001-2002 (upto 1.3.2002)	65.34

Increase in Food Subsidy

†2673. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that amount of food subsidy has increased from March, 1998 to March, 2002;

(b) if so, the amount given by Government to Food Corporation of India for the year ending March, 1998; and

(c) the projected amount of subsidy for the year ending March, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount given by Government of India to Food Corporation of India for the year ending March, 1998 is Rs. 7500 crore including Rs. 28 crore for West Bengal for distribution of rice under decentralized procurement scheme.

(c) The actual amount of subsidy released to Food Corporation of

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